

Table 2b. Average Postsecondary Schooling Costs by Enrollment Level, Sex, Race, Hispanic Origin, Age, Dependency Status, Labor Force Status, and Annual Family Income, 1996-1997: Full-Time Students

| Characteristic | Postsecondary schooling costs: full-time students | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| | Total enrolled | Enrollment level | | | |
| | | College years 1 to 2 | College years 3 to 4 | College years 5 and higher | Vocational, technical, business school, or other |
| TOTAL, 17 years and older | | | | | |
| Total cost ¹ | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$8,667 | \$7,780 | \$9,562 | \$13,518 | \$4,283 |
| Standard error | \$188 | \$265 | \$320 | \$650 | \$352 |
| Tuition and fees ² | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$6,616 | \$5,946 | \$7,080 | \$9,658 | \$4,095 |
| Standard error | \$160 | \$230 | \$282 | \$515 | \$348 |
| Books and supplies ² | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$675 | \$637 | \$629 | \$868 | \$759 |
| Standard error | \$22 | \$25 | \$20 | \$81 | \$177 |
| Room and board ² | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$4,882 | \$4,430 | \$4,736 | \$6,509 | \$3,647 |
| Standard error | \$120 | \$171 | \$159 | \$385 | \$578 |
| SEX | | | | | |
| Men | | | | | |
| Total cost | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$9,342 | \$8,158 | \$10,242 | \$15,024 | \$4,505 |
| Standard error | \$295 | \$402 | \$493 | \$1,000 | \$602 |
| Tuition and fees | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$7,019 | \$6,197 | \$7,480 | \$10,297 | \$4,435 |
| Standard error | \$243 | \$344 | \$425 | \$751 | \$556 |
| Books and supplies | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$700 | \$620 | \$623 | \$908 | \$1,154 |
| Standard error | \$42 | \$25 | \$33 | \$130 | \$437 |
| Room and board | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$5,187 | \$4,472 | \$5,084 | \$7,172 | (B) |
| Standard error | \$175 | \$232 | \$233 | \$524 | (B) |
| Women | | | | | |
| Total cost | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$8,090 | \$7,450 | \$8,986 | \$12,101 | \$4,120 |
| Standard error | \$241 | \$352 | \$417 | \$824 | \$427 |
| Tuition and fees | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$6,271 | \$5,724 | \$6,744 | \$9,060 | \$3,865 |
| Standard error | \$213 | \$310 | \$377 | \$702 | \$447 |
| Books and supplies | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$653 | \$653 | \$634 | \$832 | \$485 |
| Standard error | \$24 | \$40 | \$24 | \$101 | \$50 |
| Room and board | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$4,575 | \$4,389 | \$4,393 | \$5,655 | (B) |
| Standard error | \$163 | \$250 | \$210 | \$549 | (B) |
| RACE/HISPANIC ORIGIN | | | | | |
| White | | | | | |
| Total cost | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$8,906 | \$7,924 | \$9,922 | \$13,583 | \$4,439 |
| Standard error | \$210 | \$300 | \$356 | \$710 | \$402 |
| Tuition and fees | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$6,733 | \$5,951 | \$7,302 | \$9,837 | \$4,129 |
| Standard error | \$180 | \$258 | \$316 | \$564 | \$388 |
| Books and supplies | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$678 | \$630 | \$634 | \$832 | \$879 |
| Standard error | \$26 | \$28 | \$21 | \$82 | \$238 |

| Characteristic | Postsecondary schooling costs: full-time students | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| | Total enrolled | Enrollment level | | | |
| | | College years 1 to 2 | College years 3 to 4 | College years 5 and higher | Vocational, technical, business school, or other |
| Room and board | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$4,830 | \$4,443 | \$4,728 | \$6,333 | \$3,373 |
| Standard error | \$128 | \$187 | \$173 | \$423 | \$573 |
| White non-Hispanic | | | | | |
| Total cost | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$9,166 | \$8,194 | \$10,090 | \$13,734 | \$4,625 |
| Standard error | \$221 | \$319 | \$365 | \$730 | \$444 |
| Tuition and fees | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$6,870 | \$6,107 | \$7,413 | \$9,902 | \$4,147 |
| Standard error | \$188 | \$271 | \$325 | \$581 | \$418 |
| Books and supplies | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$691 | \$643 | \$641 | \$859 | \$902 |
| Standard error | \$29 | \$30 | \$22 | \$89 | \$266 |
| Room and board | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$4,854 | \$4,488 | \$4,709 | \$6,335 | \$3,724 |
| Standard error | \$132 | \$193 | \$175 | \$443 | \$609 |
| Black | | | | | |
| Total cost | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$6,815 | \$6,890 | \$7,756 | \$9,512 | \$3,154 |
| Standard error | \$439 | \$663 | \$808 | \$1,573 | \$733 |
| Tuition and fees | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$5,486 | \$5,655 | \$6,044 | \$6,165 | \$3,122 |
| Standard error | \$376 | \$578 | \$676 | \$1,118 | \$804 |
| Books and supplies | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$616 | \$634 | \$574 | \$974 | \$400 |
| Standard error | \$52 | \$69 | \$50 | \$394 | \$65 |
| Room and board | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$5,299 | \$4,803 | \$5,047 | (B) | (B) |
| Standard error | \$434 | \$583 | \$541 | (B) | (B) |
| Asian and Pacific Islander | | | | | |
| Total cost | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$9,857 | \$8,257 | \$8,641 | \$16,574 | (B) |
| Standard error | \$898 | \$1,158 | \$1,573 | \$2,506 | (B) |
| Tuition and fees | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$7,510 | \$6,739 | \$6,279 | \$11,477 | (B) |
| Standard error | \$758 | \$1,077 | \$1,347 | \$2,021 | (B) |
| Books and supplies | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$757 | \$749 | \$611 | \$1,058 | (B) |
| Standard error | \$83 | \$112 | \$86 | \$294 | (B) |
| Room and board | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$5,050 | \$3,808 | (B) | (B) | (B) |
| Standard error | \$505 | \$647 | (B) | (B) | (B) |
| Hispanic (of any race) | | | | | |
| Total cost | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$6,272 | \$5,502 | \$7,794 | (B) | \$3,271 |
| Standard error | \$619 | \$767 | \$1,378 | (B) | \$782 |
| Tuition and fees | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$5,240 | \$4,510 | \$5,916 | (B) | \$3,906 |
| Standard error | \$577 | \$774 | \$1,222 | (B) | \$905 |
| Books and supplies | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$546 | \$540 | \$535 | (B) | \$636 |
| Standard error | \$45 | \$69 | \$53 | (B) | \$205 |

| Characteristic | Postsecondary schooling costs: full-time students | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| | Total enrolled | Enrollment level | | | |
| | | College years 1 to 2 | College years 3 to 4 | College years 5 and higher | Vocational, technical, business school, or other |
| Room and board | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$4,448 | (B) | (B) | (B) | (B) |
| Standard error | \$536 | (B) | (B) | (B) | (B) |
| AGE | | | | | |
| 17 to 24 years | | | | | |
| Total cost | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$8,954 | \$8,207 | \$10,391 | \$13,441 | \$4,657 |
| Standard error | \$225 | \$292 | \$400 | \$1,177 | \$550 |
| Tuition and fees | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$6,886 | \$6,273 | \$7,798 | \$10,342 | \$4,452 |
| Standard error | \$197 | \$255 | \$355 | \$1,025 | \$546 |
| Books and supplies | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$653 | \$651 | \$620 | \$707 | \$844 |
| Standard error | \$22 | \$28 | \$21 | \$90 | \$279 |
| Room and board | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$4,522 | \$4,411 | \$4,601 | \$5,234 | (B) |
| Standard error | \$119 | \$175 | \$164 | \$587 | (B) |
| 25 to 34 years | | | | | |
| Total cost | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$8,715 | \$5,241 | \$7,435 | \$14,589 | \$3,934 |
| Standard error | \$441 | \$716 | \$553 | \$945 | \$571 |
| Tuition and fees | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$6,378 | \$4,189 | \$5,092 | \$10,014 | \$3,816 |
| Standard error | \$349 | \$623 | \$464 | \$722 | \$618 |
| Books and supplies | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$701 | \$531 | \$659 | \$953 | \$426 |
| Standard error | \$49 | \$46 | \$57 | \$127 | \$65 |
| Room and board | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$5,701 | (B) | \$5,058 | \$6,732 | (B) |
| Standard error | \$319 | (B) | \$443 | \$485 | (B) |
| 35 years and older | | | | | |
| Total cost | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$6,706 | \$4,950 | \$7,172 | \$11,080 | \$4,093 |
| Standard error | \$511 | \$869 | \$856 | \$1,302 | \$716 |
| Tuition and fees | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$5,222 | \$3,414 | \$5,377 | \$7,963 | \$3,811 |
| Standard error | \$425 | \$705 | \$782 | \$1,011 | \$660 |
| Books and supplies | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$776 | \$577 | \$634 | \$875 | \$990 |
| Standard error | \$131 | \$83 | \$66 | \$196 | \$467 |
| Room and board | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$6,511 | (B) | (B) | (B) | (B) |
| Standard error | \$685 | (B) | (B) | (B) | (B) |
| DEPENDENCY STATUS ³ | | | | | |
| Dependent | | | | | |
| Total cost | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$9,523 | \$8,807 | \$11,334 | \$12,362 | \$4,640 |
| Standard error | \$280 | \$349 | \$515 | \$1,896 | \$747 |
| Tuition and fees | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$7,374 | \$6,746 | \$8,641 | \$10,263 | \$4,507 |
| Standard error | \$247 | \$306 | \$462 | \$1,662 | \$739 |
| Books and supplies | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$650 | \$659 | \$634 | \$742 | \$580 |
| Standard error | \$22 | \$32 | \$26 | \$193 | \$89 |

| Characteristic | Postsecondary schooling costs: full-time students | | | | |
|--------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| | Total enrolled | Enrollment level | | | |
| | | College years 1 to 2 | College years 3 to 4 | College years 5 and higher | Vocational, technical, business school, or other |
| Room and board | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$4,463 | \$4,388 | \$4,572 | (B) | (B) |
| Standard error | \$124 | \$179 | \$179 | (B) | (B) |
| Independent | | | | | |
| Total cost | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$7,582 | \$6,222 | \$8,302 | \$14,196 | \$4,677 |
| Standard error | \$362 | \$484 | \$568 | \$1,499 | \$819 |
| Tuition and fees | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$5,700 | \$4,709 | \$5,914 | \$10,395 | \$4,390 |
| Standard error | \$307 | \$418 | \$472 | \$1,312 | \$815 |
| Books and supplies | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$662 | \$623 | \$590 | \$683 | \$1,186 |
| Standard error | \$58 | \$60 | \$33 | \$77 | \$614 |
| Room and board | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$4,700 | \$4,534 | \$4,674 | \$5,580 | (B) |
| Standard error | \$290 | \$557 | \$364 | \$792 | (B) |
| LABOR FORCE STATUS | | | | | |
| Did not work | | | | | |
| Total cost | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$8,568 | \$7,235 | \$10,599 | \$14,347 | \$4,209 |
| Standard error | \$380 | \$462 | \$754 | \$1,533 | \$663 |
| Tuition and fees | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$6,876 | \$5,650 | \$8,370 | \$10,600 | \$4,432 |
| Standard error | \$325 | \$402 | \$671 | \$1,139 | \$737 |
| Books and supplies | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$681 | \$659 | \$656 | \$1,027 | \$467 |
| Standard error | \$36 | \$49 | \$36 | \$190 | \$60 |
| Room and board | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$5,136 | \$4,649 | \$5,088 | \$6,859 | (B) |
| Standard error | \$271 | \$382 | \$388 | \$857 | (B) |
| Worked full time | | | | | |
| Total cost | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$9,065 | \$8,357 | \$9,685 | \$13,076 | \$4,608 |
| Standard error | \$298 | \$472 | \$472 | \$856 | \$605 |
| Tuition and fees | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$6,669 | \$6,199 | \$6,871 | \$9,035 | \$4,194 |
| Standard error | \$246 | \$393 | \$418 | \$655 | \$558 |
| Books and supplies | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$689 | \$606 | \$617 | \$811 | \$1,115 |
| Standard error | \$52 | \$48 | \$36 | \$119 | \$451 |
| Room and board | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$5,020 | \$4,418 | \$4,771 | \$6,899 | (B) |
| Standard error | \$192 | \$259 | \$238 | \$607 | (B) |
| Worked part time | | | | | |
| Total cost | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$8,301 | \$7,739 | \$8,725 | \$13,523 | \$3,837 |
| Standard error | \$312 | \$443 | \$509 | \$1,221 | \$462 |
| Tuition and fees | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$6,342 | \$5,968 | \$6,452 | \$9,897 | \$3,578 |
| Standard error | \$275 | \$398 | \$443 | \$1,085 | \$458 |
| Books and supplies | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$653 | \$646 | \$624 | \$815 | \$615 |
| Standard error | \$24 | \$33 | \$29 | \$115 | \$95 |

| Characteristic | Postsecondary schooling costs: full-time students | | | | |
|----------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| | Total enrolled | Enrollment level | | | |
| | | College years 1 to 2 | College years 3 to 4 | College years 5 and higher | Vocational, technical, business school, or other |
| Room and board | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$4,535 | \$4,284 | \$4,484 | \$5,627 | (B) |
| Standard error | \$177 | \$271 | \$247 | \$546 | (B) |
| ANNUAL FAMILY INCOME | | | | | |
| Less than \$25,000 | | | | | |
| Total cost | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$8,490 | \$6,330 | \$9,688 | \$14,928 | \$4,415 |
| Standard error | \$324 | \$429 | \$524 | \$1,045 | \$511 |
| Tuition and fees | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$6,289 | \$4,808 | \$6,742 | \$10,036 | \$4,410 |
| Standard error | \$273 | \$378 | \$467 | \$823 | \$556 |
| Books and supplies | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$652 | \$653 | \$587 | \$866 | \$539 |
| Standard error | \$32 | \$57 | \$28 | \$122 | \$70 |
| Room and board | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$4,879 | \$4,021 | \$4,576 | \$6,515 | (B) |
| Standard error | \$198 | \$348 | \$245 | \$476 | (B) |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | | | | | |
| Total cost | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$7,598 | \$7,067 | \$7,890 | \$12,550 | \$3,670 |
| Standard error | \$339 | \$468 | \$566 | \$1,247 | \$590 |
| Tuition and fees | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$5,933 | \$5,566 | \$6,100 | \$8,912 | \$3,117 |
| Standard error | \$286 | \$414 | \$513 | \$907 | \$439 |
| Books and supplies | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$705 | \$609 | \$636 | \$792 | \$1,276 |
| Standard error | \$65 | \$37 | \$52 | \$143 | \$605 |
| Room and board | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$4,975 | \$4,316 | \$4,982 | \$6,690 | (B) |
| Standard error | \$307 | \$400 | \$448 | \$907 | (B) |
| \$50,000 and over | | | | | |
| Total cost | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$9,402 | \$8,901 | \$10,393 | \$12,528 | \$4,649 |
| Standard error | \$306 | \$426 | \$534 | \$1,081 | \$751 |
| Tuition and fees | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$7,221 | \$6,712 | \$7,841 | \$9,759 | \$4,465 |
| Standard error | \$263 | \$366 | \$464 | \$933 | \$712 |
| Books and supplies | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$674 | \$643 | \$655 | \$930 | \$637 |
| Standard error | \$30 | \$36 | \$30 | \$157 | \$275 |
| Room and board | | | | | |
| Mean (Average) | \$4,844 | \$4,645 | \$4,781 | \$6,319 | (B) |
| Standard error | \$168 | \$224 | \$228 | \$880 | (B) |

Footnotes:

¹ Based on all students, including those with zero costs in any component.

² Calculations based only on students with these costs. Room and board based only on students who reported living away from home.

³ Universe consists of students under 25 years old.

(B) Base less than 100,000. Derived number not shown.

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